

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please amend the first paragraph of the section entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Application," as amended by Examiner's Amendment mailed concurrently with the Notice of Allowance, as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/509,283, filed August 11, 2000, which is the national stage of the international application PCT/DE98/02896, filed September 23, 1998, which claims priority to German applications, DE 19821060.4, filed May 11, 1998, and DE 19741929.1, filed September 23, 1997, each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.